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Mr. Lawrence R. Houston General Counsel (Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Houston:

On January 15, 1967, agents of the Bureau of Customs arrested three men at Tamiami Airport, Dade County, Florida, as they were preparing to depart in an airplane carrying bombs, napalm, and some small arms. The men were charged with violating Title 22, United States Code, Section 1934. The United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida is presenting this matter to a grand jury and will seek an indictment which probably will charge offenses under 22 U.S.C. 1934, 18 U.S.C. 960, and 49 U.S.C. 1522. The following individuals are possible defendants under the prospective indictment:

ORLANDO BOSCH y AVILA, male age 40, Cuban citizen, born July 18, 1926 Santa Clare, Cuba, residing at 1849 N. W. 35th Street, Miami, Fla.

LOUIS CONCEPTION BERTOT, male age 36, U.S. citizen, residing at 910 N. W. 29th Avenue, Miami, Fla.

JOSE ANTONIO MULET y GONZALES, male, age 45, Cuban citizen, born December 31, 1921 at Santiago de Cuba, residing at 201 N. W. 35th Street, Miami, Florida

JOSE DIAZ y MOREJON, male, age 24, citizen of Cuba, born March 23, 1942, residing at 72½ S. W. 11th Street, Miami, Florida

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MARCOS RODRIGUEZ y RAMOS, male, age 22, Cuban citizen born June 16, 1944, residing at 227 N. W. 17th Avenue, Miami, Florida

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BARBARO BALAN y GARCIA, male, age 30, Cuban citizen, born December 4, 1936, residing at 735 S. W. 1st Street, Miami, Florida

Arthur Andrew Girteit, 890 N.W. 45h Avenue, Miami, Florida, was among those arrested at Tamiami Airport, but he is not expected to be named as a defendant in the indictment.

Additionally, on April 14, 1967, Customs agents arrested Barbaro Balan Garcia at Tifton, Georgia on a separate charge of attempt to violate Section 1934. It is anticipated that an indictment will be sought in Georgia similar to the one being sought in the Southern District of Florida, and naming several of the same individuals as defendants.

We would appreciate any comments or observations you might wish to make relative to any operational interest which your agency may have currently or may have had in the past with respect to any of the individuals named above, including Girteit. In the event of any such past or present interest, we would appreciate your comments as to whether the disclosure of such interest would be detrimental to your Agency's operations.

It would be further appreciated if you would advise us as to whether any of the individuals named as prospective defendants were subject to electronic surveillance by your Agency.

Sincerely,

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